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Re: Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

We are farmers in Butte county, who rely solely on groundwater for irrigation. In 1994 we became aware of some the impacts we would feel if our neighbors were "willing sellers" of their surface water. At that time, groundwater was substituted for the surface water they sold. This impacted us and made us ask what kind of protection we would have if this continued. We didn't like the answers.

Surface water has been used in this area from the beginning of agricultural practices and is vitally needed, especially in dry years. We feel that the transfer of groundwater outside of its area of origin or the use of groundwater to replace the transfer of surface water normally used in a local area take place on a very limited basis. This transfer should only be used in time of emergency water needs and not to be considered as a continued source of water to be depended on in the future. If and when water transfers take place, it is essential that extensive monitoring and mitigation plans be in place to insure that the local citizens, economy and environment are not adversely effected.

The CALFED Bay-Delta program must make its top priority be the development of new surface water storage facilities both north and south of the Delta. There are many benefits to off stream storage as have been brought out to your representatives at public meetings. There will be far more people effected by the negative impacts of water transfers. We must have defined assurances that new surface water storage facilities will be constructed.

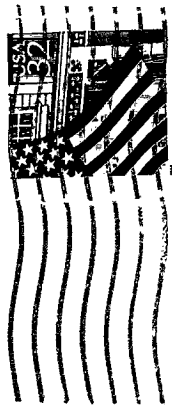
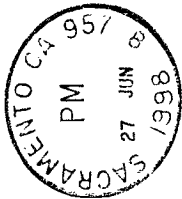
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